HIGHLIGHTS

Cross Country Leads Strong Fall Showing

Women’s and men’s cross country teams, men’s soccer, and field hockey earn NCAA bids.

LAUREN NORTON ’13 MADE HER FINAL SEASON a memorable one for the women’s cross country team, winning the New York State Collegiate Track Conference individual championship, earning first team All-UAA and All-Region honors, and earning All-America honors at the NCAA Division III national championship meet in Terre Haute, Ind.

Norton is the first women’s cross country All-American since 1988 and the latest Rochester woman to win the New York State individual crown. Josefa Benzoni ’88 pulled off the same double in 1988. Norton was third at the UAA championships and second at the NCAA Atlantic regional, both hosted by Rochester. As a team, the women finished sixth at the UAA championships and fourth at the state meet.

Fall
Men’s soccer: Rochester received an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs, marking the team’s seventh invitation in the last eight years. In the first round, Rochester defeated Misericordia University in a shootout after a 1–1 tie, thanks to a dramatic tying goal by Alex Swanger ’15 in the 86th minute to force overtime. The Yellowjackets lost in the second round to 15th-ranked Susquehanna University, 1–0. Seven players earned All-UAA honors, including Max Eberhardt ’13 as a first team selection. Eberhardt and Jakob Seidlitz ’13 earned All-Region honors from the NSCAA. Rochester finished with a 10–4–4 record, team All-Region honors from the NSCAA.

Men’s basketball: As the end of the year approached, Rochester sported a 10–0 record and was ranked eighth nationally. The Yellowjackets won three tournaments in the Palestra, including the Wendy’s Classic. Rochester defeated Hobart for the Wendy’s title, then beat the Statesmen again a week later in a regular season game.

Winter
Men’s basketball: Coach Jim Scheible became the winningest coach in the program’s history, posting his 259th win early in the Wendy’s Classic, which the Yellowjackets won for the eighth straight year (see page 10).

Squash: The Yellowjackets repeated as Liberty League champions and was ranked fifth nationally. At the semester break, the team’s record was 5–2.

Men and women’s indoor track: Three Yellowjackets and a relay team qualified for March’s ECAC championships: Emily VanDenburgh ’16 in the long jump, Carina Luck ’13 in the triple jump, Yuji Wakimoto ’14 in the 3,000-meter run, and the 4-by-200-meter team of Gene O’Hanlon ’14, Jonathan Kuberk ’16, Jeffrey Hrebenach ’16, and Boubacar Dallio ’16.

GOAL ORIENTED: Michelle Relin ’16 earned Liberty League Rookie of the Year honors after setting Yellowjacket records for goals and points.

Field Hockey History
The Yellowjacket field hockey team advanced to the round of eight during the first NCAA tournament appearance in the program’s history. The tournament run capped a season that included the most wins in a single season with 18 and the most goals for a season with 84.

“It was a really special season, the work ethic, desire, and determination of the team was unmatched,” says coach Wendy Andreatta.

Following their banner year, the Yellowjackets raked in several accolades, including honors for five All-Region and seven All-Liberty League players. Madison Wagner ’14 and Katie Flaschner ’14 earned National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-America honors. Freshman Michelle Relin ’16 was Liberty League Rookie of the Year after setting school records for points (47) and goals (19). Shelby Hall ’13 earned a spot at the Division III Senior All-Star game at the Field Hockey Final Four.

Andreatta was named 2012 North Atlantic Region Coach of the Year, a month after she was Liberty League Coach of the Year.

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